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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2002, subjecting the present claims 1-61 to an election requirement.

The requirement was unclear to the Applicants and the Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to providing further clarification of the election requirement. Although the election of species requirement appears to request the Applicants to choose between a first species/embodiment in which a cationic polymer is added (Species I) and a second embodiment /species in which an anionic polymer is added (Species II), the Examiner has explained that the requirement is to elect a species by identifying both a cationic polymer from the group listed on page 2, lines 26-32 of the disclosure and an anionic polymer from the group listed in claims 8, 14, and 30 as a single defined species of the present invention.

Based on this clarification, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, a species directed to a cationic polysaccharide and an anionic step-growth polymer for

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prosecution on the merits. It is believed that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-19, 22-43 read upon the elected species.

However, the election requirement is transversed because it is believed that a search and examination of all the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Patent Office. It is respectfully requested that the instant election/restriction be removed.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that the Examiner deems a call desirable:

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